

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

The Lord's Day
March 14, 2021
Order of Worship

— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 97:1-6, 12

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

— WE RESPOND WITH SINGING & PRAYER —

***Hymn of Praise**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made
the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built
the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule
the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all
the stars obey.

***Prayers of Adoration** *(followed by The Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

— GOD CALLS US TO REPENT —

***Call to Confession**

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

— WE RESPOND IN CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE —

Prayer of Confession

adapted from *The Valley of Vision [Continual Repentance]*

O God of Grace, You have imputed our sin to our substitute, and have imputed His righteousness to our souls, clothing us with a bridegroom's robe, decking us with jewels of holiness. But in our Christian walk we are still in rags. Our best prayers are stained with sin. Our penitential tears are so much impurity. Our receiving the Spirit is tinged with selfishness. We repent of our repentance and readily admit that we need our tears to be washed. Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

Silent Prayers of Confession

— GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS —

Words of Encouragement

Ephesians 1:7-8a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

— WE RESPOND IN ACTS OF WORSHIP —

***Hymn of Praise**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642, vv. 1, 2

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

***Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,¹ born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick² and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

traditional English wording. ¹ 'Ghost' means 'Spirit' ² 'quick' means 'living/alive' ³ 'catholic' means 'universal;' that is, the Christian Church made up of all believers throughout history.

Prayers of Intercession

Fellowship through Announcements

Tithes & Offerings Encouragement

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— GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT —

Sermon

“I Want the Truth”

Pastor Erik McDaniel
Acts 7

Meditation & Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Grape juice in the outer ring; wine in the inner ring. The bread is gluten-free.

— WE RESPOND TO GOD’S PROVISION —

***Hymn of Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642, vv. 4, 5

4 Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

— GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US —

***Benediction**

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